

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday - 4:30 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon
(Babysitting available during 10:00 a.m. Mass)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday, 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.
Saturday - 9:30 a.m., Chapel
(Church during the CCD year)

HOLY DAY MASSES

As announced

CIVIL HOLIDAYS

Any change in the weekday schedule will be announced.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday - 3:00-4:00 p.m. or anytime by request.
Wednesday - 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Chapel

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact and coordinate with the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to the Wedding.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OR HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOLY HOUR

First Friday morning after 8:00 a.m. Mass

R.C.I.A. - INQUIRY INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH

For Catholic and non-Catholic adults inquiring about the Catholic faith. Contact the Parish Office.

ADORATION

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. - Chapel

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Ronald A. Potts, Pastor
Rev. Michael Russo, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Dan D. Abeyta
Deacon Bob Seith

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our Parish Community.
Office Hours - Monday - Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Contact the Parish Office.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION (CCD)

Coordinator: Mrs. Jessica Ptomey
CCD email: ccdsacredheart@gmail.com
CCD meets September through May:
Tuesday: Grades 5 to 8 7:30-8:45 p.m.
Saturday: Grades K to 4 9:00-10:15 a.m.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Ministers: Kari Flynn, Danny & Alexandra Baxter
Email: sacredheartbowieyg@gmail.com
Youth Group (Grades 6 to 12)
Youth Group meets Sunday, Thursday, Friday
As announced

ORGANIST

Dr. Henry Wroblewski

CHOIR DIRECTOR

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Mr. Frank Figlozzi, Mrs. Betsy April & Mr. Basil Parlett

LECTOR COORDINATOR

Mr. Steve Bast (301-464-8782)

WEBSITE - www.sacredheartbowie.org

E-MAIL - parishoffice@sacredheartbowie.org

WHITEMARSH BRANCH



Masses For The Week

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13

6:30 Margaret Block
8:00 Marian Creel

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14 Sts. Cyril and Methodius

6:30 Fran Marshall
8:00 Estrella Esguerra

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15

6:30 Dawn Chapdelaine
8:00 Marguerite Collins

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16

6:30 Jacquelin N. Bergen
Davey
8:00 Jack Kubiak

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17

**The Seven Holy Founders of
the Servite Order**

6:30 Gladys Coby
8:00 Michael Hawkins

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18

9:30 Bunny Harash

*The Rosary is recited
after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
daily Masses.*

The altar flowers this weekend are

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COLLECTION OF PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:

Last year's palms will be collected this weekend (February 11/12) and next weekend and (February 18/19) for Ash Wednesday's ashes. Palms may be placed in the baskets in the Baptistry.



Calling all Seniors! Please join us on Wednesday, **February 15**, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) in Whitemarsh Hall for our **Senior Potluck Luncheon**. This is a great opportunity to make new friends, while enjoying a delicious lunch. Don't feel like cooking ... store bought is always welcomed. Please RSVP to Mary Walsh-Coe at 301-262-0704 so we have enough seating. Spread the word and bring a friend!

Join the Sacred Heart Book Club on the second Monday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m. On February 13, we will be discussing *The Discarded Image* by C.S. Lewis. The book for the following meeting, on March 13, will be *The Consolation of Philosophy* by Boethius. Interested? Contact Karen Howard at klw.howard@icloud.com or 443-510-8602.



Training for new Altar Servers will begin **Saturday, March 11**, in the church from 10:30-12 Noon and continue for three more Saturdays (**March 18 & 25 and April 1**). Installation of new Altar Servers will take place at the Holy Thursday Mass on April 6. All boys in grade 4 and up interested in becoming an Altar Server should contact Father Russo at russom@adw.org.

Sacred Heart is sponsoring **Warm Nights** this week (February 13-19). Please pray for the health and safety of the Warm Nights guests. Thank you to those who have volunteered to make breakfasts and lunches. If you have any questions, please contact Brendan Gaeng at 410-980-3975 or gboyslax@gmail.com.



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

CH=Carroll Hall (basement of church) --HC=Hogan Center (hill)
WMH=Whitemarsh Hall - HH=Hogan Hall (both in HC)

Monday 7:00 p.m. - RCIA - HH

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - St. Peter the Rock - HC
8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Adoration - Chapel
7:00-8:30 p.m. - Walking With Purpose - WMH
7:30-8:45 p.m. - CCD Grades 5-8 - HC

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - Walking With Purpose - HC
12:00 p.m. - Senior Potluck Luncheon - WMH
7:00 p.m. - Cemetery Committee Meeting - WMH
7:00-8:00 p.m. - Confessions - Chapel

Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - St. Peter the Rock - HC
6:00 p.m. - High School Youth Group - WMH
7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal - Church

Friday 7:00 p.m. - Middle School YG - WMH
8:30 p.m. - AA Meeting - CH

Saturday No CCD Grades K-4
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Cemetery Clean-up
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Confessions - Church

Weekdays after 8 a.m. Mass - Coffee, Tea, etc. - HH



The 2023 Annual Appeal collection takes place this weekend. Prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Annual Appeal. You may complete a commitment form and make your gift by credit card or cash/check OR give on-line through Faith Direct or by going to give.adw.org. Visit appeal.adw.org to learn more about how the Annual Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout the archdiocese. Look for the commitment forms at all church entrances.

Join fellow parishioners on **Sunday, February 19**, for donuts, juice, and coffee in Carroll Hall after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses. You may also register in the parish during that time. It is important to be registered with the parish for church services such as baptisms and weddings.



Encountering Jesus through Season 3 of The Chosen is an 8-week conference series led by Deacon Bob Seith that will bring you into a closer relationship with Our Lord, Jesus. Each week you will view an episode from Season 3 of *The Chosen* and then through scripture study, small group discussions, and questions & answers you will encounter Jesus in a new way. The group will meet on **Wednesday evenings, beginning March 1 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Whitemarsh Hall or through Zoom**. Please register for this conference, at www.sacredheartbowie.org. If you have any questions, please call Joni Seith 240-416-6628.

Sacred Heart Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is **Friday, March 3**, in Whitemarsh Hall. Dinner will be served between 5:00-6:46 p.m. to allow you to attend Stations of the Cross before dinner at 4:30 p.m. or after dinner at 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be held in the Chapel. The cost for the dinner is \$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children (5-12), Free for children 4 and under, and \$50.00 cap for a family. Please sign-up on the parish website at <https://sacredheartbowie.org/spaghetti-dinner-fundraiser>. Walk-ins welcome, but we prefer you to reserve your spot now so we know how much spaghetti to make.



From the desk of Father Ronald A. Potts:

In today's reading from the Book of Sirach, the human person has the responsibility of choosing between good and evil, "fire and water," "life and death." Is the human person again left with only free determination, with the tragic risk of erroneous judgment? No, because there are commandments revealed by God so that we may freely choose to obey them. This does not mean that we practically abdicate our freedom of choice to become slavishly, blindly obedient to a law external to us. To be free is to decide knowingly. Freedom is diminished, impaired when judgment is canceled or disturbed. The wise person, endowed with a sure judgment, does not hesitate concerning what is true or false, good or bad; he does not choose the false, the bad, death; if he does, he is guilty. "Those who fear the Lord" share in His wisdom. Therefore, they follow His commandments, His law conveying divine wisdom, freely, with a freedom like God's. This is why the wisdom writers, like Sirach, never cease to share the wonders of the Law, their love of divine commands, and their attachment to God's precepts.

In today's passage from St. Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians, he speaks of "God's wisdom" in comparison to the "wisdom of this age." Paul is very clear when he states that the wisdom of the world is nothing to brag about. This worldly wisdom leads to self-destruction because it is human wisdom and does not acknowledge God. However, our wisdom is that of God's mystery. It was "hidden ... predetermined before the ages for our glory" and revealed to us. None "of the rulers of this age knew, for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." The gospel proclaims "what eye has not seen, and ear not heard," moreover, "what has not entered the human heart." For this wisdom is inaccessible. Only God can reveal it to those who love Him. God's love reaches where human intelligence is absolutely unable to ascend. This is done through the Spirit, who "scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God."

In our passage from Matthew's gospel, Jesus states with the utmost clarity that He has come not to abolish the law or prophets, "not to abolish but to fulfill." And He solemnly adds: "Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments shall be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Without question, the law is perennial, but its future is not that of a sealed text or a dead letter. Jesus has come so that all its potential may unfold, that it may be understood and observed in the Spirit that enlivens it more and more, and in order to "fulfill" it, to take it to its completion. From now on, whoever rejects one of the least commandments of the Law and teaches others to do so will be last in the kingdom of heaven. On the contrary, whoever observes the commandments and teaches them to others will be declared great in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus reveals the true relationship that human beings must have with the Law, purified of all legalism, a law that demands a commitment of the whole being, and of it center: the heart.



Sunday, February 19, 2023
 10:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Quo Vadis Excursion and Hiking in
 Ft. Washington Park

- Open to young men in high school in the Archdiocese of Washington
- Mass and lunch at Our Lady Help of Christians, followed by hiking and talks at Ft. Washington Park
- Bus transportation to Ft. Washington Park will be provided.
- A great opportunity to be outdoors and spend time with seminarians and other young men open to the priesthood.
- Register now at <https://dcpriest.org/2023-ft-washington-excursion>

Cemetery Clean-up

We request that all Christmas decorations and other breakable items be removed from the cemetery grave sites by **February 15**. This will allow work to continued in the cemetery. Also, according to the Archdiocese of Washington regulations for Catholic Cemeteries, flowers should be placed only in the vases provided at the grave sites.



The next scheduled day to clean-up the back hill of the cemetery is Saturday, February 18. Please go to the parish website (sacredheartbowie.org) and sign-up to help.



PLEASE PRAY for our parishioners who are in the **ARMED SERVICES**: Thomas Allan, Marie Blair, Daniel Hugh, Larry Seppi, Katie Stafford, Bill Glynn, Jr., Katelyn Ballagh, Riley Cassidy, Ann Maloney, Jake Rohme, Cody Komala, Joshua Poole, Aidan Reilly, Ethan Copping, Kenton Stacey, Chris Seager, Joe O'Connell, M. K. Harris, Justin Burns, Steven P. Maqui, Andrew Rodriguez, Damian Pedersen, Jim Ballagh, Jr., Michael Sierco, Stephen Prevo, James Pritchett, Tim Vaughan, Kelly Shelton and Thomas Leffel. *Please notify the Office of family members that can be included or removed.*

PLEASE PRAY for the **SICK** of the Parish especially Frank Rose, Barbara Lorei, Chris Gede, Trish Frisbee, Champ Wert, Leslie Kubic, Kelly Swanson, Mary Claire Stanners, Enis Bente, Mary MacDonough, Stephanie Vaughan, Joe & Anne Bottner, Fred & Marie Becker, Jeanne Krivak, Kathleen Parlett, Ryan Compton, John Bagwell, Julia Poole, Tracie Schmidt-Craig, Francisca Escribano, Joanna Compton, Carol Ceruzzi, Janet & Jim Braswell, Carole Blitva, Sabrina Loftis, Peggy DeMaio, Carol Sotelo, Ed Danko, Sr., Kim Doering, Carol Brown, Daniel McNeil, Eric Fedorkowicz, Tina Palandati, Terri Gibson, Joan O'Reilly, Siobhan Saunderson, Ginny Tucker, Dana Rodriguez, Peter Monahan, Maria & Dennis Casaday, Bill Bagaria, Michael Davis, Jacqueline Hebron, Nicholas Hardin, Matthew Chamberlain, Frances Cicero, Rick DeCicco, Wilda Raffensperger, Rosamond MacDonald, Jennie Guilbaud, Susan Swick, Regina Madigan, Thomas Lumsden, Bernadette Braswell, Carolyn Kassabian, Raymond Wehrmeister, Teri Mignosa, Jamie April, Betty Dyer, Jeanette Harris, Karly Szostak, Ivan Cobo, Monica Diaz, Mary Krok, Mary Beth Fitzmaurice, Rachel Euber, Robbie Svoboda, Ann Leister, and Joni Seith.

Names will remain 3 weeks and can be continued by calling the Office.

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